Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A ferroelectric thin film formed of crystals in which directions of polarization axes are inconsistent with an applied electric field direction in a crystal system, the ferroelectric thin film comprising silicon, or silicon and germanium, in elements of ferroelectric.
- 2. (Currently Amended) A ferroelectric thin film formed of crystals in which directions of 180° domains are inconsistent with an applied electric field direction in a crystal system, the ferroelectric thin film comprising silicon, or silicon and germanium, in elements of ferroelectric.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A ferroelectric thin film formed of crystals in which directions of 90° domains are inconsistent with a direction perpendicular to an applied electric field direction in a crystal system, the ferroelectric thin film comprising silicon, or silicon and germanium, in elements of ferroelectric.
 - 4-7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Currently Amended) The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1, wherein polarization is arranged at a constant angle to the applied electric field direction to have the same polarization in the same applied electric field.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1, formed of a polycrystal highly oriented in the applied electric field direction in a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1, wherein a polarization axis distribution exhibits no anisotropy with respect to the applied electric field direction in a ferroelectric thin film plane.

- 11. (Previously Presented) The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1, using: a tetragonal Pb(Zr,Ti)O₃ ferroelectric which is (111)-oriented along the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1, using: a rhombohedral Pb(Zr,Ti)O₃ ferroelectric which is (001)-oriented along the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1, using: a bismuth-layer-structured ferroelectric which is (111) or (110)-oriented along the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1, using: an SrBi₂Ta₂O₉ ferroelectric which is (115), (111), or (110)-oriented along the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1, using: a Bi₄T₃O₁₂ ferroelectric which is (117), (111), (107), or (317)-oriented along the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.
 - 16-27. (Canceled)
- 28. (Previously Presented) A ferroelectric memory device using the ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1.
- 29. (Previously Presented) A ferroelectric piezoelectric device using the ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 1.